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Mr. Robert Johnson  
Post Office & Civil Service Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In connection with our telephone conversation, I wish again to call attention to Section 10(c) of S. 67 as introduced by Senator Johnston. It is very necessary for agencies which establish their pay scales by administrative action to have this section included in any legislation reported out by the Committee in order that such an agency may retroactively adopt the pay increases authorized by the statute.

The last pay bill adopted by the Congress contained a retroactive provision in it, but did not authorize agencies to adopt the increases retroactively by administrative action. It was, therefore, necessary to obtain such authority in the next session of the Congress, because of Comptroller General's rulings that pay increases could not be made retroactive in the absence of specific legislative authority.

Sincerely yours,

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